

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.(currently amended) A bottle carrier device, comprising:
a hook member for attachment to a support;
a self-adjusting bottleneck-engaging ring member for attachment about the neck of a bottle; and
a joining member having a first end secured to said self-adjusting bottleneck-engaging ring member and a second end secured to said hook member to interconnect said hook member to said bottleneck-engaging ring member in a manner to assure orientation of a bottle in a vertical position when secured by said self-adjusting bottleneck-engaging ring member.

C/ 2.(original) The bottle carrier device of claim 1 wherein said hook member is structured to provide single-handed detachable attachment of said hook member to a support.

3.(previously presented) The bottle carrier device of claim 2 wherein said hook member is a carabiner comprising a ring having a pivoted arm for opening and closing said ring.

4.(currently amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 1 wherein said self-adjusting bottleneck-engaging ring member is an elastomeric ring having an internal diameter sized to be received about the neck of a bottle.

5.(original) The bottle carrier device of claim 4 wherein said elastomeric ring is an O-ring having a low modulus of elasticity.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8.(currently amended) A bottle carrier device, comprising:
an elastomeric bottleneck-engaging ring member;
a closable-loop hook member for attaching to a support; and
a joining member having a first end secured to said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging ring member and a second end secured to said hook member for attaching said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging ring member to said hook member in a manner to assure vertical orientation of a bottle secured by said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging ring member.

9.(currently amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 8 wherein said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging ring member is an O-ring having a low modulus of elasticity and being sized to be positionable about the neck of a bottle.

10.(previously presented) The bottle carrier device of claim 9 wherein said closable-loop hook member is a carabiner comprising a ring having a pivoted arm for opening and closing said ring.

11.(currently amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 8 wherein said joining member is a loop of material which encircles a portion of said hook member and which also encircles a portion of said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging ring member.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)
